ASSUMPTIONS: $750/$3,000 cap

6. There are nearly 6.7 million acres of state school trust, BLM, and USFS lands in Montana. FWP assumes there are approximately 9,300 parcels that do not have legal public access.

7. While only four parcels of state land were enrolled during the first year (2014) of the Unlocking State Lands program, FWP assumes that an average of eight parcels per year would be enrolled in that program, since the program was new in 2014 and the enrollment process and associated advertising did not begin until late in the process.

8. FWP assumes that the expansion of the program to include federal BLM and USFS lands, which more than doubles the number of eligible parcels from 4000 state land parcels to approximately 9,300 parcels of eligible state and federal land, will result in double the number of parcels which can be expected to be enrolled per year in the Unlocking Public Lands program.

9. FWP assumes an average of 16 parcels will be enrolled in the Unlocking Public Lands program per year under current law ($500/$2,000 cap).

10. FWP assumes that if the tax credit is increased to $750 tax credit per parcel, with maximum of $3,000 tax credit/per landowner/per year, there may be a 20% increase in the number of parcels enrolled per year. **16 parcels x 1.20% = 19 parcels/year. A cumulative loss of $14,250/year will impact the General Fund**. (This part of the fiscal note will actually be done by Dept of Revenue, but this is my assessment of how they will approach it.)

11. Existing staff will administer the program.

Description	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
# of Parcels	19	38	57	76
Tax Credits Claimed @ $750	$14,250	$28,500	$42,750	$57,000

Let me know if you have questions.

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